GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4177
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2002
NON-LIFTING OF PADDY BY FCI IN ANDHRA PRADESH
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether FCI in the State of Andhra Pradesh has been denying to lift paddy from the farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons thereto;

(c) the quantity of paddy so far lifted from the farmers;

(d) whether remedial measures have been initiated in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a): No, Sir. Besides the millers/dealers, FCI has been procuring paddy conforming to FairAverage Quality Specifications in Andhra Pradesh.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c): As on 8.4.2002, a quantity of 18,454 tonnes of paddy has been procured from the farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

(d)&(e): In order to facilitate smooth procurement of paddy and to avoid distress sale by the farmers during Kharif Marketing Season 2001-2002, the following remedial measures have been initiated:-

(i) Opening of adequate number of purchase centers;

(ii) Timely procurement of gunnies;

(iii) Adequate publicity about the procurement prices & Fair Average Quality specifications;

(iv) Timely deployment of staff in mandies;

(v) Setting up of Control Rooms in the FCI at its HQs as well as Regional Offices to collect compile daily procurement figures.

(f): Does not arise in view of reply to (d)&(e) above.